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1. RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH AND NORTH MET FOR

TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS AT PANMUNJOM APRIL 3. EACH SIDE WAS REPRESENTED BY ONE DELEGATE AND ONE LIAISON OFFICER.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, ROK SIDE PRESENTED PROPOSAL CALLING FOR JOINT SURVEY TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE FEBRUARY 15 FISHING BOAT INCIDENT. TEAMS WOULD CONSIST OF RED CROSS PERSONNEL FROM EACH SIDE AND COULD ALSO INCLUDE ICRC OFFICIALS FROM GENEVA. ROK SIDE ALSO SUGGESTED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

3. ROK SIDE ALSO MADE PROPOSAL FOR NORMALIZATION OF RED CROSS TALKS THROUGH HOLDING OF INTERIM MEETING OF DELEGATIONS

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AT PANMUNJOM. EACH SIDE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY ITS CHIEF

DELEGATE AND FOUR OTHER DELEGATES IN ADDITION TO TEN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. OBJECT OF MEETING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR EIGHTH RED CROSS CONFERENCE.

4. ROK SIDE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED AFTER MEETING THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD REJECTED BOTH ROK PROPOSALS. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, NORTH PROPOSED HOLDING FIFTH MEETING BETWEEN TWO DELEGATES ON APRIL 29 BUT SOUTH LEFT MATTER TO BE WORKED OUT LATER BETWEEN LIAISON OFFICES.
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